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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Relating to a feasibility study for a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS there is presently a great interest on the part of the Japanese in Alaska products and resources; and

WHEREAS the Yukon River is without a seaport at its mouth, and products and resources from the Yukon valley and the surrounding area cannot compete with those from Siberia which have access to ocean-going vessels; and

WHEREAS Bethel, on the Kuskokwim River, is the best developed and most accessible deep-water seaport in western Alaska; and

WHEREAS a resolution was introduced in the United States Congress in 1969 requesting the Corps of Engineers to review an earlier feasibility study concerning a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and

WHEREAS the Corps of Engineers has estimated that \$200,000 will be needed to update the canal study; and

WHEREAS construction of a Yukon-Kuskokwim canal would greatly enrich the economy of Alaska by making the products and resources of the Yukon and Kuskokwim River valleys readily available to world markets;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the United States Congress is urged to fund the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in a sum sufficient to permit the updating of the

feasibility study done by the Corps on construction of a canal between the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert F. Froehlke, Secretary of the Army; Lieutenant General F.J. Clarke, Chief of Engineers; the Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable George H. Mahon, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.